

Indiana Immunization Coalition Statement on Changes to the CDC Childhood Immunization Schedule

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The Indiana Immunization Coalition is very concerned about recent changes made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to the childhood immunization schedule. These changes reduce the number of diseases children are routinely vaccinated against from 17 to 11.

Comparing the U.S. vaccine schedule to those used in countries like Denmark does not account for important differences between countries. The United States has a much larger and more diverse population, different healthcare access, and different risks for infectious diseases. These factors matter, and U.S. vaccine recommendations should be based on clear scientific evidence and the health risks facing children in this country.

Although families can still get all recommended childhood vaccines and the science supporting the full vaccine schedule has not changed, these changes are likely to cause confusion for parents and healthcare providers. They may also make school vaccine requirements harder to understand and increase vaccine hesitancy, potentially leading to lower vaccination rates at a time when diseases like measles and whooping cough are spreading in parts of the country.

The Indiana Immunization Coalition urges the CDC to reconsider these changes and recommit to a clear, science-based vaccine decision-making process grounded in U.S. data and expert guidance.